

Workers' Compensation Oversight Panel
December 14, 2015

MINUTES

Location: Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex

Called to Order: 4:12 p.m.

Members in Attendance: John Casey, Lee Dotson, James Downing, Harding Drane, Matthew Eppley, Anthony Frabizzio, Richard Heffron, Karen Jacobs, Joseph Rhoades, Bruce Rudin, Sajjad Savul, Theresa Smith, Wayne Smith, Joseph Straight. **Administration:** Stephanie Parker, Oliver Cleary, Susan Justison (DOL); Alan Schwartz; Rhonda West: OptumInsight (via telephone).

Record of Votes Taken:

1. Mr. Frabizzio made a motion to approve the September 9, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Heffron made a motion recommending the following Fee Schedule Modifications.
 - a. Pharmacy – 7 % reduction
 - b. Anesthesia – 27% reductionThe motion was seconded and unanimously approved

Recommendations:

1. Richard Heffron recommended Joseph Rhodes to succeed him as Oversight Panel Chairperson.
2. Joseph Rhodes recommended Barry Bakst as Vice Chairperson.
3. Richard Heffron recommended a new SubCommittee be formed to look at non-medical issues.

Actions Agreed Upon:

1. Alan Schwartz to review reduction recommendations to Pharmacy and Anesthesia.
2. Stephanie Parker to email WCRI November 2015 published analysis of Fee Schedules for 31 States.
3. Richard Heffron to contact Governor's office to advise of recommendations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
4. Optum to have fee schedule changes to Panel by the first week in January for review.
5. Optum to provide report of Fee Schedule changes bumped up against Medicare fees to show what the dollar impact would be.

Public Comment:

Donna Forrest in attendance

1. Donna Forrest commented the November 2015 WCRI issued an analysis of Fee Schedules for 31 states and this analysis may be helpful to the Committee.

Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

Future Panel Meeting Dates – DOL Fox Valley Annex:

None scheduled at this time

Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

Fee Schedule & Data Collection Sub-Committee

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m..